(d) Due to technical and operational constraints, it is not feasible at present to commence full-fledged international operations through Bangalore airport. However, national carriers are permitted to operate limited international services from any airport, including Bangalore.

**Proposal for Development of Sea Beaches in the Country**

372. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to beautify the sea beaches in the country in order to attract a large number of tourist;

(b) whether Government have any scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount spent on such work during last three years in Orissa and other coastal States?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories have identified the coastal areas of Sindhudurg Distt. in Maharashtra, Bekal beach in Kelala, Muttukadu-Mamal'apuram in Tamil Nadu, Puri-Konark in Orissa and Diu in Union Territory of Daman & Diu for integrated development of tourism. During the last three years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 544.74 lakhs have been sanctioned on the development of sea beaches in the country.

**Privatisation of Airports**

373. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to privatise some airports in the country;

(b) if so, the Airports identified therefor;

(c) the time schedule fixed for the privatisation of those Airports; and

(d) the situation that led to the privatisation of those Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) An Inter-Ministerial group was constituted to identify the areas in development of airports which can be dereserved for public participation. The group has submitted its report. The Government will take a decision on the report in due course.

**Setting up of New Airports in Joint Sector**

374. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Airports in the country in the joint sector;

(b) if so, the number of Airports proposed to be set up in the country in the joint sector during the Eighth and Ninth plan period; and

(c) the places identified for the location of these Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Non-Adherence of Guidelines by Air Taxi Operators**

375. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines given to the private Air Taxi operators by the Director General Civil Aviation;